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Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No. 10/588,727	Applicant(s) SUZUKI ET AL.	
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All Participants:
Status of Application: 71

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 (2) Mr. Richard Castellano.

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Date of Interview: 19 April 2010
Time: 11.30am
Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

 Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description: .

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Claims discussed:

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Prior art documents discussed:

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet
Part III.

- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

 /Satya B Sastri/
 Examiner, Art Unit 1796

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Applicant's attorney was contacted to discuss possible claim amendment. It was noted that (1) claim 1 as amended lacks clarity because the claim language recites the matrix as comprising an acrylic copolymer (A) (i.e. in singular form) while the newly added limitation drawn to "the major constitutional polymer of the acrylic copolymer" suggests a copolymer blend. It was noted that even though the specification defines the acrylic copolymer (A) as including a copolymer derived from two or more monomers or a blend of two or more acrylic homopolymers or a blend of two or more acrylic copolymers, the newly added limitation is restrictive to the scenario where blends are involved but is not meaningful when an acrylic copolymer is derived from two or more monomers. As such, the specification does not recite that the copolymer may be block copolymer and therefore, the limitation "major constitutional polymer of the acrylic copolymer" raises potential 112 indefiniteness issues. Possible amendment was suggested to define the acrylic copolymer as defined in the specification and further amending the claim language. Additionally, (2) it was noted in view of the newly found art to McGarry (US 4, 478,963), incorporating limitations from claim 5 into claim 1 would potentially place the application in condition for allowance. Applicant's attorney indicated that the proposed amendment would be considered upon consultation with the client and that the examiner would be notified by 4/22/10.